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SUBJECT: NEW INITIATIVES TOWARD POLAND

REF: A) WARSAW 5295, B) WARSAW 5324

1. THE NSC HAS REQUESTED AN ANALYSIS OF POSSIBLE INITIATIVES WE COULD UNDERTAKE TO SIGNAL OUR INTEREST IN CONTINUING TO IMPROVE OUR RELATIONS WITH POLAND. SPECIFICALLY, THE DEPARTMENT IS ASKED TO ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING GENERAL AREAS: DIPLOMATIC GESTURES (MEETINGS AND VISITS), IMF MEMBERSHIP, TRADE INITIATIVES, AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS.

2. THE PREMISE OF THE STUDY IS THE DESIRABILITY OF SOME
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INITIATIVES AS A SIGNAL THAT WE ARE INTERESTED IN CONTINUING TO IMPROVE OUR RELATIONS WITH POLAND AND THE BELIEF THAT OUR ACTIONS COULD PROVIDE SOME COUNTERWEIGHT TO DIFFICULTIES THE POLES CONFRONT BECAUSE OF UNCERTAIN SOVIET SIGNALS ABOUT THE COURSE OF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS. THE INITIATIVES WOULD BE CONSIDERED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF FOLLOW-ON TO THE PRM-9 STUDY, WHICH IS STILL UNDER

CONSIDERATION.

3. A VANCE-WOJTASZEK MEETING (REF A) FOLLOWED BY OTHER VISITS LEADING UP TO ONE BY FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK WILL FIGURE STRONGLY IN OUR RECOMMENDED DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES. ON IMF/IBRD MEMBERSHIP, WE CONTEMPLATE RECOMMENDING A POSITION WHICH WOULD ENTAIL SIGNALING THAT WE WOULD SUPPORT A POLISH APPLICATION IF ADVANCED, PROVIDED THAT THE GOP IS PREPARED TO MEET THE BASIC OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP. REGARDING MARKET ACCESS, WE HAVE IN MIND SUCH INITIATIVES AS ATTEMPTING TO IMPROVE PORT ACCESS TO POLISH SHIPPING. WE ARE CONSIDERING RECOMMENDING A CONTINGENCY STUDY ON DEBT ROLLOVER. WE CONTINUE TO REGARD A CULTURAL AGREEMENT AS UNNECESSARY AND UNWISE, BUT WE WILL ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF WHETHER GREATER VISIBILITY IN OUR EXCHANGES MIGHT HELP--IF THE POLES ARE AGREEABLE--AND WILL PUT OUR MINDS TO WAYS OF STIMULATING GREATER FOUNDATION INTEREST IN OUR PROGRAMS.

4. EUR/EE WILL COORDINATE THE DRAFTING AND OTHER DEPARTMENT OFFICES WILL CONTRIBUTE ACCORDING TO THEIR EXPERTISE. WE WILL ALSO RELY HEAVILY ON PREVIOUS EMBASSY REPORTING SUCH AS THE SUPERB ASSESSMENT OF POLISH INDEBTEDNESS (REF B) JUST RECEIVED.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WE HAVE NO SPECIFIC DEADLINE
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FOR THE NSC REQUEST, BUT WE WANT TO PRESENT OUR RECOMMENDATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE WOULD WELCOME ANY THOUGHTS OR RECOMMENDATIONS THE EMBASSY WISHES TO MAKE. REPLY SHOULD BE SENT STADIS AND SLUGGED FOR ATTENTION OF EUR/EE. CHRISTOPHER

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